

MINUTES

**Of The
One Hundred Sixtieth
Annual Session**

OF THE

**ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

HIGH HILL CHURCH

Monroe, North Carolina

September 18, 19, 20

1992

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Proceedings
**Of The 160th Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek
Primitive Baptist Association**
Friday, September 18, 1992

The association met with High Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Monroe, North Carolina at 10:30 a.m. and joined in songs of praise after which Elder Gene Watson led in prayer and Elder Newell Helms delivered the introductory sermon using I Corinthians 3:9-13 as a text.

After a time for refreshments and fellowship the association opened with prayer by Elder C. A. Blanton and convened for business. Elder Newell Helms served as moderator, Brother Dennis Pressley served as clerk and Brother Ken Austin was called to serve as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches. There was a move, second and unanimous vote to eliminate the reading of the church letters since the clerk will record all pertinent information in the minutes.

HIGH HILL: Represented by entire membership.

PARK VIEW: Brethren John Brooks, Richard McGee, Claude Parnell and Phil Rash.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Eldridge Furr, Vernon Medlin, Tim Furr and Kim Honeycutt.

PLEASANT GROVE: Brethren R. W. Knight, Winfred Newsome, Dave Smith and Parks Mullis.

UNION GROVE: Brethren Charles Moser, Marion Martin, Carl Haigler and Ernest Baucom.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Ward Medlin, Reggie Vanhoy, Paul Green and Tom Vanhoy.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Brethren Tommy Horne, Mike Helms, Teddy Stewart and Brackie Helms.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Maurice Broadway, Jerry Honeycutt, Buford Hinson and Steve Hinson.

HIGH POINT: Brethren Clyde Locklear, Raymond Clark, Joe Myers and Hal Bouldin.

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Tim Herrin, Joe Robinson, Marshall Gaskey and Roy Barbee.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Reid Hunt, Garry Robinson, Jerry Lucas and Barry Cole.

BETHEL: Brethren Douglas McLamb, Mason Anderson, Charles Gore and Randolph Hardee.

CORINTH: Brethren Kenneth Putman, Charles Putman, Phillip Brafford and Jim Briscoe.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Luke McCurdy, Wayne Efird, Joe Allmond and Warren Griffin.

NEW HOPE: Brethren Sam Campbell, C. R. Smith, Frankie DuBose and Sister Eugenia Campbell.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None were presented.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

PREACHING COMMITTEE: Elder E. W. Hooven, Elder Larry Austin, Elder Joe Helms, Brother Reece Eury, Brother Edward Pressley and Brother Steve Nichols.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Brother Howard Edwards, Brother Kim Honeycutt, Brother Lane Vanhoy, Brother Clayton Griffin, Brother Mason Anderson and Brother John Brooks.

5. Called for presbytery reports: Not any.

6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Worth Stephenson, Brother Kenneth and Sister Jennifer Stephenson, Brother Dwight Roberts, Sister Hazel Roberts, Brother & Sister Harvey Thorn, Sister Lorraine Boykin, Sister Noreen Mabe.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Minutes.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Minutes.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder Steve Greene, Elder Noel Lee, Brother Ray and Sister Erma Wells, Brother Clinton Ritter, Brother Lawrence Ritter, Sister Casa Tipton, Sister Celeste Tipton.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder Coy Brothers, Elder Gary Cordes and Sister Cordes.

SOUTH ARKANSAS: Minutes.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence and gladly received the following:

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION: Brother Bill and Sister Margie Allmon.

BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION: Elder Arnold and Sister Roxine Childress.

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION: Elder Sam Bryant, Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr.

ECHECONEE ASSOCIATION: Elder Dennis Jones.

LOTTS CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Jack M. Anderson

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION OF WEST VIRGINIA: Elder Franklin and Sister Ann Oresta, Sister Annalene Oresta, Sister Lucille Foster.

OCLOCHNEE ASSOCIATION: Elder C. A. Blanton.

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Gene F. Watson.

ANTIOCH CHURCH (FL): Brother Joseph Blackburn, Brother Joseph Blackburn, Jr.

COLUMBIA CHURCH (MD): Sister Treva Mattia.

LITTLE CREEK CHURCH (SC): Elder Charles Crapse.

PINE CHURCH: Brother Ashburn and Sister Evelyn Williams, Brother Clarence and Sister Jane Brown.

SAINT'S DELIGHT CHURCH: Elder J. A. Langham.

ST. PAUL CHURCH (SC): Elder Terrell Harvey and Sister Harvey, Brother Newton Terry.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (it is understood that any member of our association may represent us at any association.)

LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th week-end, Sept.): Elder W. M. Benton, Elder F. W. Stack, Brother Carl Haigler, Brother Kim Honeycutt, Brother Richard McGee.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (1st week-end, Sept.): Elder Roy Speir.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Paul Stroupe.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY, (3rd week-end, Sept.): Elder Newell Helms, Elder F. W. Stack.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Elder Newell Helms, Brother Kirby Horne, Brother Truby High, Brother Lane Vanhoy, Brother Ed Pressley, Brother Ken Austin.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Roy Speir, Brother Kirby Horne, Brother Truby High, Brother Lane Vanhoy, Brother Lee Roy Plowman.

SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder Dwayne Hooven was appointed to write the corresponding letter to be approved at our Saturday meeting.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 with the meeting to continue at Sun Valley High School.

Saturday, September 19, 1992

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 a.m. at Sun Valley High School. After prayer by Elder Paul Stroupe the business continued as follows:

12. Acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items 6 and 7.

13. Called for the report of the finance committee:

Received from the churches \$4390.00

Received from friends \$ 509.00

Total \$4899.00

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and ordered embodied in the minutes.

16. Extended invitation for the churches of the association to request 5th Sunday meetings and granted the following:

November 1992 Pleasant Hill

January 1993 Meadow Creek

May 1993 Bethel

August 1993 High Point

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to hold the next session of the association with Park View Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1993 and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and that the clerk superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other expenses the finance committee may deem expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed by standing vote to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His grace and mercy and to the members and friends of High Hill Church for their assistance during this meeting. We, also, express our thanks to Mr. Bob Smith, Principal of Sun Valley High School and his staff for their help and the use of the school facilities. Further, we thank Scoutmaster E. Z. Jones and Troop #276 for their handling of the parking.

- Elder Newell Helms, moderator
- Brother Dennis Pressley, clerk
- Brother Ken Austin, assistant clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Received from the churches	\$ 4,390.00
Received from friends	\$ 509.00
Total receipts	\$ 4,899.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing, mailing and distribution of minutes and other clerk's expenses	\$ 600.00
Ministers and miscellaneous expenses	\$ 4,299.00
Total disbursements	\$ 4,899.00

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our corresponding brethen and sisters and to the faithful in Christ Jesus, greetings.

We thank the God of Heaven for the abundant grace and mercy that He has bestowed upon us in allowing us to meet again in an associational capacity. It is by His goodness that we have this opportunity, and hope we are thankful for it.

It is a beautiful sight to behold whenever God's little children meet together in peace and love with one another, and are blessed by the Holy Spirit, to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed in power.

How could we ever thank the Lord for all He has done for us?

Beloved, as we journey through this wicked world we see that evil men and seducers have waxed worse and worse, and our battles stronger and more fierce. We pray for grace to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. May we not fail to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to withstand in the evil days in which we live. And may our eyes forever be fastened upon Him who has paid it all with His precious blood . . . The Captain of Our Salvation.

May all honor, praise and glory be to the name of Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

In Christian love,

Elder Dwayne Hooven

ORDER OF SERVICES

Friday Morning

Prayer: Elder Gene Watson
Elder Newell Helms - I Cor. 3:9-13
Prayer: Elder F. W. Stack

Friday Afternoon

Prayer: Elder Gary Cordes
Elder J. A. Langham - Rom. 8:14-16
Elder Dennis Jones - John 16:13-14
Prayer: Elder W. M. Benton

Friday Night

Prayer: Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr.
Elder Coy Brothers - John 19:25-29
Elder Gary Cordes - Luke 22:39-42
Prayer: Elder C. A. Blanton

Saturday Morning

Prayer: Elder Noel Lee
Elder Franklin Oresta - Matt. 22:42
Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr. - Isa. 42:4-9
Elder Sam Bryant - Heb. 10:22-25
Prayer: Elder Dwayne Hooven

Order of Services (cont'd)

Saturday Afternoon

Prayer: Elder Arnold Childress
Elder Charles Crapse - Gal. 6:1
Elder Jack Anderson - I Peter 5:10
Elder Worth Stephenson - Acts 8
Prayer: Elder Paul Stroupe

Saturday Night (High Hill Church)

Prayer: Elder E. W. Hooven
Elder Noel Lee - I Cor. 15
Elder Steve Greene - John 3:16
Prayer: Elder Roy Speir

Saturday Night (Mountain Creek Church)

Prayer: Elder Joe Helms
Elder Arnold Childress - Gal. 4:6
Elder C. A. Blanton - I Peter 4
Prayer: Brother Vernon Medlin

Sunday Morning

Prayer: Elder Steve Greene
Elder Terrell Harvey - Eph. 3:1-7
Elder C. A. Blanton - Dan. 9:19
Elder Arnold Childress - Eph. 1:1-3
Prayer: Elder Rommie Williams

	Communion Sundays	Rec'd. by baptism	Rec'd. by relation	Rec'd. by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Contributions
	3rd May	4		4		1		2	76	\$ 325.
	1st July						1	3	85	350.
	2nd July						3	1	47	300.
	2nd Aug	3		1	1	5	2	4	159	500.
	3rd July							1	64	420.
	1st Aug							2	60	300.
	4th July								30	150.
	4th May	1			1		1	5	86	400.
	1st June	1		1				1	45	300.
	3rd June	4		2			1		46	250.
	1st Sept				1			4	77	350.
	4th June	3					3	1	84	250.
	2nd Sept	3							22	100.
	2nd June				1			1	61	300.
	4th Aug								15	95.
		19		8	4	6	11	25	957	\$ 4340.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness we record the passing of the following brethren and sisters since our last associational meeting.

BETHEL:	Sister Charity Benton Lewis
HIGH HILL:	Sister Flonnie Pressley Brother Yates Baucom Sister Lida Auten Brother Clarence R. Hill
HIGH POINT:	Brother Paul Pope Brother Henry Hickerson Brother Raymond Hicks Sister Vada Hayworth Sister Leila Jones
LAWYER'S SPRING:	Sister Fannie Jackson Sister Ila High
LIBERTY HILL:	Sister Mary Fox Sister Maude Medlin Sister Bessie Furr
MEADOW CREEK:	Sister Della Hatley
MILLS CHAPEL:	Brother Ernest Smith
MOUNTAIN CREEK:	Sister Hattie McSwain
PARK VIEW:	Brother Foy Joyce Sister Evelyn Infinger
PLEASANT GROVE:	Sister Betty Jane Mills
UNION GROVE:	Sister Marie A. Griffin Sister Dora S. Little Sister Chloe W. Honeycutt Sister Ruth K. Outen

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

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CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

BETHEL: 1st Sunday morning; 2nd Sunday morning, 2nd Sunday afternoon; 3rd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms.

CORINTH: 1st Sunday morning. Elder Williams; 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor.

CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday night, Elder Rom Kerley; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HIGH HILL: 1st Sunday morning, Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning, 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

LAWYER'S SPRING: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Williams.

LIBERTY HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

MEADOW CREEK: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms, 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning. Minister by appointment.

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Joe Helms.

PARK VIEW: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.

PLEASANT HILL: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder E. W. Hooven.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BETHEL: Mason H. Anderson, P.O. Box 345, Shallotte, NC 28495

CORINTH: Jennings Hough, 308 Greenwood Ave., Belmont, NC 28012

CROOKED CREEK: W. T. Broadway, 309 Rocky River Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079

HIGH HILL: Dennis Pressley, 1117 Tom Boyd Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

HIGH POINT: Lindsey Allen, Rt. 12, Box 227, Winston-Salem NC 27107

LAWYER'S SPRING: Ronnie Edwards, 1814 Ridge Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

LIBERTY HILL: Reece Eury, 16244 McLester Rd., Oakboro, NC 28129

MEADOW CREEK: Marshall Gaskey, 174 Arlington Ave., SE, Concord, NC 28025

MILLS CHAPEL: Wayne Efird, 2075 Emmanuel Ch. Rd., Rockwell, NC 28138

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Tim Huneycutt, 38635 Airport Rd., New London, NC 28127

NEW HOPE: Eugenia Campbell, 100 Sam's Rd., Hopkins, SC 29061

PARK VIEW: Elder Dwayne Hooven, 2263 Timber Ridge Ct., Kernersville, NC 27284

PLEASANT GROVE: Clayton Griffin, 4740 Hwy. 205, Marshville, NC 28103

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UNION GROVE: Ken Austin, 3930 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

LOCATION OF CHURCHES

BETHEL: Four miles northwest of Calabash, NC, 1/4 mile north of Hickman's Crossroads.

CORINTH: South Sims Street, King's Mountain, NC, 3 blocks off Highway 74.

CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, NC.

HIGH HILL: Just off Highway 601 North in the suburbs of Monroe, NC, 1/2 mile north of Highway 14.

HIGH POINT: 209 Rock Springs Road, 1 block off the 1500 block of North Main Street, High Point, NC.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, NC.

LIBERTY HILL: Ten miles west of Albemarle, NC on Highway 27 near Red Cross.

MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road between Highway 27 West and Highway 200 North near Locust, NC.

MILLS CHAPEL: On China Grove Road just off Lane Street between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, NC.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Five miles north of Albermarle, NC on Mountain Creek Church Road.

NEW HOPE: Nine miles east of Columbia, SC just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Rd.

PARK VIEW: Just off Sprague Street near Highway 311 in Winston-Salem, NC.

PLEASANT GROVE: 3 1/2 miles north of Marshville, NC, approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.

PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, NC, south of Asheboro, NC.

UNION GROVE: On Highway 200 North (Morgan Mill Rd.) approximately 4 miles north of Highway 74, Monroe. NC.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election: that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this association is being held, it is under the authority of the hostess church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the church invites the ministers and messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that church shall be the officers of the association, provided the pastor is a member of the association, and if not, the church shall elect any member of the association to preside as moderator. The church may request the help of any member of another sister church to assist in the business transactions of the association.

3. His association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this association: then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The finance committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the association shall so direct. The body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this association in the form of a minute.

Notes

